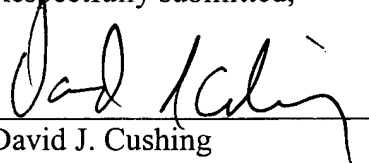


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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence

This is a Continuation of Application No. 09/340,675 filed June 29, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. A method to provide a service to a user in a ~~universal personal~~ telecommunication network, wherein said method includes the step of requesting access by said user to said telecommunication network ~~via a terminal (T) and via an access subnetwork (SUB-M2-H) of said telecommunication network~~ in order to provide thereby an access request (R), **characterized** in that

said method further includes the step of ~~upon receiving of said access request (R),~~ providing by a notifying service provider (SP-H) to said user (U) ~~via said access subnetwork (SUB-M2-H)~~ a notification (N(SP-V)) which includes a capability to accept a service of an offered service provider (SP-V), and

~~in the event that said notifying service provider is a home service provider of said user (U), said offered service provider is different from said notifying service provider, and said service is a virtual visited environment (VVE) similar to a virtual home environment (VHE) but identified by said user (U) and said offered service provider (SP-V).~~

2. A service provider (~~SP-H~~) to provide a service to a user (~~U~~) in a ~~universal personal telecommunication network upon receiving of an access request (R) from said user (U) via a terminal (T) and via an access subnetwork (SUB-M2-H) of said telecommunication network~~, **characterized** in that

said service provider (~~SP-H~~) includes a notifier (~~NOT~~) to provide a notification (~~N(SP-V)~~) to said user (~~U~~) via said access subnetwork (~~SUB-M2-H~~), said notification (~~N(SP-V)~~) including a capability for said user to accept a service of an offered second service provider (~~SP-V~~), and

~~in the event that said service provider is a home service provider of said user (U), said offered service provider is different from said service provider, and said service being a virtual visited environment (VVE) similar to a virtual home environment (VHE).~~

Claim 9 is canceled and replaced with new claim 10.